

# The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

# THE REPORTER

**DECEMBER 2009**

**WEST END YOUTH CENTER  
20<sup>TH</sup> AND GREENLEAF STREETS  
MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**NEXT MEETING: 7 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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## This Month's Guest Speaker

Our December meeting guest will be from the Allentown Fire Department who will speak on fire safety around the home with a special emphasis on holiday light decorations and their potential hazards.

## A Word From Our President

The West Watch wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season! To keep it a safe and happy season, keep doing what you have been doing to secure your home. Lock doors, windows and car doors. Close curtains or blinds so thieves can't window shop. Take all electronic devices out of your car when you get home. Have packages delivered to an address where someone is there to receive them. If you're going out of town, make sure your home appears occupied. At our December meeting, we plan to have a little celebration. TWW will supply beverages, and we are asking you to bring a sample of your holiday baking! We are also having a food drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank, so please try to bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting. Best Wishes from The West Watch!

## Special Offer on Strobe Flashlights

The Strobe Flashlight can blind a person (blinded TWW board!) and give you time to get away! It's 4.2" long, weighs 5 oz., works with a push of a button. Carry it with you or keep it next to your bed. Buy it through TWW for \$89.99 (normally \$149.99). This would be a great holiday gift! Contact Nick Hromiak at [nhromiak@enter.net](mailto:nhromiak@enter.net) or 610-434-6641.



**YES!!** I am very pleased with the work that the West Watch Neighborhood Group is doing and I would like to make a donation to support their many efforts such as the newsletter, meetings, and community events



**SORRY.** I am not able to help the West Watch Neighborhood Group with a financial contribution at this time but I would like to help in other ways. Please contact me with how I can help.

You can make your check or money order payable to:

**The West Watch Neighborhood Group**

& Send it to:

**809 N 20<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Allentown, PA 18104**

## November Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Mann was able to speak with us after a long day in Harrisburg on programs and ways to conserve energy. She emphasized the money saving ability energy star appliances have, and mentioned that many of these appliances currently have very lucrative rebates to help offset purchase costs. Of surprise to many was that by reducing your indoor heating temperature by 1 degree, you will save 3% on your heating costs. Ms. Mann informed us that we have an option to switch our electrical generation supplier to Dominion Power, which could yield up to 10% savings. Also, she reminded us of the Community Action Committee, which is reachable at 610-691-5620. This group will have information available on state programs, funded by the stimulus, to help with high energy costs. One thing of importance to her, was to state that it is a goal to get the next state budget to us early, not on-time. As for group concerns, we addressed the need to put together a list of things to do to help combat a problem house. Lastly, we mentioned that at the December meeting, we will have a food drive to help support Second Harvest Food Bank.

## Do You Have Security Cameras?

You may have heard that security cameras on a home were instrumental in capturing burglars who targeted our area this past summer. TWW is asking homeowners in our watch area who have security cameras to be on a confidential list which TWW will supply to the police. By being on this list, it means you may be contacted by the police to help out with an investigation of a crime in our area. If you are willing to be on this list, please send your name and address to [president@thewestwatch.org](mailto:president@thewestwatch.org).

## THINGS TO KNOW...

The holiday season brings lights, presents, carolers, and a large amount of joy. This is a happy time of year so follow these basic tips to keep your home and family safe. Put candles in stable holders away from flammable items. Never leave them unattended. Place space heaters three feet away from other items. Examine holiday lights for bare wires or broken sockets. Keep presents away from tree lights, and remember to water the tree. Never put wrapping paper or dry tree branches in your fireplace – recycle them. As you decorate your house, test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work properly.

### Numbers To Know

Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police –Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Police—Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Noise Complaints	610-437-7751
Street Lights	610-437-7735
Weeds/Overgrown Grass	610-437-8729
Graffiti Removal/ Recycling	610-437-8729
Vacant Property Issues	610-437-7694
Zoning Violations	610-437-4360
Animal Control	610-437-7535

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